



BEL AIRE AREA CHAMBER CONNECTIONS



Bel Aire Area Chamber Connections Newsletter

April 2015

SPRING FESTIVAL & EASTER EGG HUNT A HUGE SMASH FOR BEL AIRE!

The City of Bel Aire and the Bel Aire Community Development Advisory Committee partnered again with the Bel Aire Lions Club and Revolution Church to bring residents of Bel Aire and surrounding areas the Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at the Bel Aire Rec Center! Kids of all ages attended the festival that included a face painter, Easter bunny, clown, inflatable, food vendors, live music by Carson and Ozites and kite flying!

To top off the event, spectators witnessed hundreds of children racing to hunt down the eggs at 4:30 placed in four different areas sorted by age group. An estimated 1,500 attendees visited the event. Also, at 3 PM, the Bel Aire Lions Club presented a special dedication of the Lions Pavilion to the City of Bel Aire. This pavilion will be used extensively for events to come! At the Rec Center.

The City of Bel Aire is very thankful for the valuable partnerships that have made the events so special for the community. We also wish to thank all of our sponsors, including Heartland Animal Hospital, Next Level Hoops Academy, Chisholm Trail State Bank and the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce who donated funds to help support our event!



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2014 Awards & Recognition

- Received the **DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD** from Government Finance Association of the United States and Canada for the 2014 budget document.
- Bel Aire ranked #1 SAFEST **SMALL TOWN IN KANSAS**, by Movoto Real Estate
- Bel Aire ranked #3 SAFEST TOWN IN ENTIRE **STATE OF KANSAS**, by SafeWise
- Bel Aire ranked #4 as BEST PLACE FOR **HOME OWNERSHIP IN KANSAS**, by NerdWallet
- Playful City USA** (2nd Year) designation
- Tree City USA** (19th year) designation

Bel Aire Area Chamber member of the month for February is



Bel Aire Recreation Center



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Promotes, plans, develops and administers recreational and senior programs for the residents of Bel Aire.



EVENTS 2015



EVENTS SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR 2015! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT SEASON! EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

May 2nd-Recycle/ Shredding Day, (9 am-noon)

June 13th-Parkinson's Run

June 25th-26th-City Wide Garage Sales

July 11th-Community Cleanup Day

August 10th-3rd Annual Hot Dawg's Pool Party

October 17th-Fall Festival

December 15th-Bel Aire Christmas Open House

Brush Site Open 2nd Saturday of each month/FREE mulch at Brush Site

BUZZI UNICEM! (Siding and Spur is close to operational) Switches go in soon!



Sunflower Commerce Park Updates



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PROGRAMS GOING ON IN BEL AIRE NOW TO BE AWARE OF!

Adopt-a-Fire Hydrant, Adopt-a-Park
& Beautify Bel Aire

WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED?

The City of Bel Aire has now implemented a **NEW Adopt-a-Fire Hydrant Program** and **Beautify Bel Aire Program!**

NEW PROGRAM



EXISTING PROGRAM



The City of Bel Aire has **2 NEW PROGRAMS** for residents of Bel Aire to become actively involved with! A recent Adopt-a Fire Hydrant Program has been approved by City Council as well as a Beautify Bel Aire Program! These 2 programs are additional ways for residents to help keep Bel Aire beautiful. Currently, the City has an Adopt-a Park-Program in place and has several volunteers helping keep our city parks clean by picking up trash, raking or painting equipment.

Keeping your fire hydrant clean of debris and snow can help speed up the process in firefighters accessing water for fires. In addition, the Beautify Bel Aire Program encourages residents to continue to improve their properties and every month residents have a chance in winning gift certificates for their efforts! The City of Bel Aire is encouraging residents of Bel Aire to participate in these new Programs!

Contact Rick at rrekoske@belaireks.gov or 316-744-2451 ext. 218 for more information on these 2 new Programs and how you can become involved!

Chamber Meetings: Present & Future



Chamber of Commerce held a meeting on April 1st and the featured speaker was Wichita Workforce Alliance. The chamber member of the month was Drew Conwell with the Bel Aire Rec Department. Wichita Workforce held a tour of their new facility and went into detail regarding much of the programs available at the center. Amanda Duncan with the Wichita Workforce discussed several programs and job fares held at the center. Their new website was also discussed, www.kansasworks.com. The Center also offers on the job training, layoff assistance, and labor market data. Feedback from chamber members was also mentioned during the chamber meeting. An update was provided for the new entry monument signage occurring throughout Bel Aire and the City Manager discussed some of the new development occurring at the Sunflower Commerce Park. The next meeting will occur at Valassis Communications on May 6th at noon.



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NEW TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION DEVICE

mycommunitymobileapp.com



The City of Bel Aire has a new Cell Phone APP!



Bel Aire city leaders are excited to announce the creation of a Bel Aire City App that can be downloaded to all smart phones.

In an effort to be more easily accessible to our citizens, Bel Aire has worked with My Community Mobile to create a City App that can be downloaded to any smart phone. More and more people utilize their smart phones for directions, social media, news, contacts, etc. For this reason, the Bel Aire City Council felt it was important to stay in touch with our citizens through their smart phones.

The app has many functions such as below:

- Contact info for Mayor, City Council and City Staff
- Location of City Parks and Recreation Center
- Report an Issue
- School Locations and Contact Info
- Utility Information and Contact Info
- Shop & Dine Section

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